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UK HOMEPAGE

Tech sector eyes VR to fill sales gap

Smarthome items also in focus as legacy products like PCs slow

China stocks seesaw following rout

Asian markets continue to lose ground in early morning trading

Junior doctors to strike after talks break down

In dispute over contracts, tens of thousands of doctors will provide emergency care only next Tuesday

VIDEO

Nightmare before Christmas for Game Digital

Shares in Game Digital plunged more than 40% to a record low on Wednesday after the UK video game retailer warned disappointing Christmas sales would have an impact on profits. Lex's Rochelle Toplensky and Oliver Ralph discuss the latest developments.

US HOMEPAGE

Obama to make it harder to buy guns

House speaker says president is targeting law-abiding US citizens

Brazil trade surplus hits December record

Demand for foreign goods plunges as country falls into recession

Oil swings as Saudis cut ties with Iran

Market highly sensitive to shifts in sentiment due to record bets on falling crude in 2016

EUROPE HOMEPAGE

Toyota snubs Apple and Google on tech

Use of Ford's software is latest sign of tensions between car industry and Silicon Valley giants

US sues VW over defeat devices

Case threatens to cost embattled carmaker tens of billions of dollars

Bahrain and Sudan sever ties with Iran

Saudi Arabia's execution of Shia cleric deepens region's political crisis

ASIA HOMEPAGE

China's middle class runs for its life

Marathon organisers once struggled to fill starting blocks, now runners compete to enter

US manufacturing demand lowest since 2009

ISM index shows second month of contraction in succession for first time since financial crisis

EM portfolio flows at weakest since 2008

Unprecedented six consecutive months of outflows caused by fears of slowing EM growth, says IIF

WORLD NEWS

US urges restraint on Saudi-Iran tensions

Washington concerned friction between longstanding rivals will aggravate regional crises

Denmark tightens German border controls

Move comes hours after Sweden introduces identity checks on people coming from Denmark

Brussels to review Poland media crackdown

High-profile move in response to increasingly assertive measures adopted in Warsaw

Art-dealer dynasty at centre of tax trial

Wildenstein family members and associates face charges of concealing vast fortunes

Venezuela sets scene for power struggle

Stand-off intensifies as Maduro seeks to retain power in Latin America's most polarised nation

COMPANIES NEWS

Acadia of US buys Priory Group for £1.5bn

Acadia Healthcare buys 322 facilities, including clinic in Roehampton, London, for cash and shares

PAG raises $3.6bn for Asian buyout fund

Shan Weijian's investment vehicle to invest in businesses that have 'barriers to entry'

Baxalta agrees $1.6bn cancer drug tie-up

US biotech inks immuno-oncology deal with Danish group that could add to its appeal for circling Shire

O2 to launch smart-home platform by summer

Access to plugs, cameras, alarms, locks and sensors on single service

AA in tie-up for connected car services

Telematics devices will pass on data including location, speed, fuel level and condition

MARKETS

Asia steadies as China regains composure

Most bourses edge higher as Chinese equities tread water after choppy start

Riyal peg looms as talking point for 2016

One-year forward contracts on dollar-linked Saudi currency jump

Long-term forecasts gain a following

The business of looking far into the future offers the opportunity to revisit past assumptions

Hedge fund stock picks underperform

The industry has disappointed pension fund and individual clients

China turmoil hits European stocks

Earnings outlook and weak inflation add to concern

COMMENT

The political shocks that will define 2016

Look to China and Britain for sudden surprises

Europe will rattle but not shatter Tories

Prospect of long-term power will do more to discipline party

Deflate stocks and allow China to prosper

Beijing is turning away from tinkering with equities, writes Joe Zhang

A strange aversion to corporate tax

Governments have had limited success extracting more revenue from the wider corporate sector

MANAGEMENT

Type A takeover of ultra-endurance sport

For executives entering ultra-marathons and triathlons, the first test is fitting in the training

Mentors may block a protégé's career

Too many bosses are failing to pull up the promising people below, says Herminia Ibarra

Tips on timing PR releases

The ancient Greeks called it 'kairos' and it still pays to use the calendar as a communication tool

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